

MINUTES

UTAH Psychology Licensing Board MEETING

April 15, 2008

**Room 475 – 4th Floor – 9:00 a.m.
Heber Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

CONVENED: 9:05 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 1:28 P.M.

Bureau Manager:
Board Secretary:

Rich Oborn
Lee Avery

Board Members Present:

Natalie J. Malovich, Ph.D. Chairperson
Lori Buhler
Leonard J. Haas, Ph.D.
John F. Merryweather

Board Members Absent:

Bruce Etringer, Ph.D.

Guests:

Heidi Bjornson
Margo Hansen

DOPL Staff Present:

F. David Stanley
Kent Barnes, Compliance Manager

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS: MINUTES:

Compliance Report:
Kent Barnes

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The minutes from January 22, 2008 were reviewed
Dr. Haas motioned to accept the minutes as is,
seconded by Ms. Buhler. The motion carried
unanimously.

Mr. Barnes reviewed the compliance unit's procedures
regarding the Division's probationers.

#1. Barbara Ogden - is not in compliance. She needs
her employer report from Northern Utah Counsel and
supervisor report from Serenity House.

#2. Michael Bjornson - is not in compliance. He needs employer evaluation. He is requesting termination of his probation. His therapist is requesting termination of his therapy. Note* at the end of the interview, it was determined Dr. Bjornson is in compliance with his stipulation.

#3. Jamianne Gill - New Probationer. Mr. Barnes briefly reviewed why Ms. Gill's license was placed on probation.

#4. Laura Czajkowski - is in compliance.

#5. Elizabeth Firth - is not in compliance. She has not submitted her supervisor reports when due stating she is not working in the field.

APPOINTMENTS:

Barbara Ogden, Probation Interview

Ms. Ogden presented herself to the Board. Dr. Haas conducted the interview. The Board advised Ms. Ogden that the Division has not received her employer report from Northern Utah Counsel or her supervisor report from Serenity House. Ms. Ogden stated she does not work for Utah Counseling anymore. She is working for the Utah Alcohol Foundation also known as Serenity House. The program director writes her monthly reports. Ms. Ogden stated she has not worked for Utah Counseling since July or August 2007 and thought the Division had been notified when her patients had been transferred. The Board advised Ms. Ogden she needs to follow up making sure the Division had received all reports. Ms. Ogden stated she advised Dr. Simmons that the Board requested more details in his reports and she will obtain a copy for March. The Board encouraged her to make copies of all reports for her records and to bring these copies to her Board meetings. The Board advised Ms. Ogden she needs to have her new supervisor information approved by the Board as soon as possible and she needs to have the supervisor report for April from that supervisor submitted. Ms. Ogden advised the Board things were going well. The Board asked Ms. Ogden to submit a letter regarding her change in employment status. The Board asked to see Ms. Ogden in July 2008. **In compliance.**

Discussion:

The Board discussed in detail Dr. Bjornson's request to terminate his probation and the recommendation from his therapist to terminate therapy. The Board noted that until approximately one year ago, Dr. Bjornson was consistently out of compliance and the Board was in the process of recommending that an Order to Show Cause be issued. The Board noted Dr. Bjornson's probation was scheduled to end March 3, 2010, however a year was added because of non-compliance issues and Dr. Bjornson has completed about one half of his probation.

Michael Bjornson, Probation Interview

Mr. Bjornson and his wife, Heidi Bjornson, presented themselves to the Board. Dr. Merryweather conducted the interview. The Board advised Mr. Bjornson that it had been discussing his request to terminate his probation early and expressed the following concerns. Since his probation started June 2006 he was not in compliance most of the time, i.e. changing therapists without Board approval, not obtaining the required continuing education, coming to the Board meetings late. For the past year he has been a model probationer, i.e. he has completed everything the Board has asked. The Board talked with Mr. Bjornson in detail about the changes that have taken place in his life. Dr. Merryweather requested to table this interview.

Dr. Elizabeth Firth, Telephonic Probation Interview

Dr. Firth was contacted at the phone number given to the Division. Dr. Malovich conducted the interview. Dr. Firth reviewed with the Board her work history in California noting she is currently working at Hathaway-Sicamores Behavioral Specialists. Dr. Firth stated she feels this has been a good move for her in terms of personal growth. She plans to return to being fully licensed, however, at this time she wants to continue moving slow in this direction. The Board reminded Dr. Firth that she needs to submit the employer/employee reports stating she is not working in the field. These need to be submitted quarterly by the first of the month due. The Board noted the Division has received her therapist reports. Mr. Oborn briefly reviewed the new compliance unit with Dr. Firth and gave her Ms. Higgs' contact information.

The Board noted the positive change in Dr. Firth and encouraged her to continue. The Board advised Dr. Firth her next interview with it will be July, 2008.

Note* After further discussion, Dr. Merryweather motioned to turn the monitoring of Dr. Firth's probation over to the Compliance Unit and requested that they notify the Board if they need to get involved, seconded by Dr. Haas. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Jamianne Gill, New Probation Interview

Dr. Gill presented herself to the Board. The Board introduced itself. Dr. Haas conducted the interview. Dr. Gill advised the Board she is familiar with the Stipulation requirements.

Dr. Hass motioned to approve Dr. Michael Fordham as Ms. Gill's therapist, seconded by Dr. Merryweather. The Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Hass motioned to approve Paul Dalrymple to supervise Dr. Gill, seconded by Dr. Merryweather. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board briefly reviewed a letter from Dr. Dalrymple stating he has read Dr. Gill's stipulation and is willing to supervise her. The Board noted Dr. Gill needs to complete twelve (12) hours continuing education in ethics and she has submitted documentation showing she has completed six (6) hours in Dr. Younggreen's workshop in Ethical and Legal Issues and Risk Management. The Board reviewed information submitted for the additional six (6) hours. This course is APA approved, audio cassette with Gary Showman.

Dr. Hass motioned to accept the continuing education submitted by Dr. Gill, seconded by Ms. Buhler, noting this is additional continuing education. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Buhler motioned to accept the six (6) hours of face to face risk management completed in September 2007, seconded by Dr. Merryweather. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Gill briefly reviewed the issues that brought her before the Board. The Board advised Dr. Gill the therapy and supervisor reports need to be received by the Division by the first (1st) day of the month. The Board encouraged Dr. Gill to review her stipulation and asked to see her in July 2008.

In compliance

Laura Czajkowski, Probation Interview

Dr. Czajkowski presented herself to the Board. Dr. Malovich conducted the interview. Dr. Czajkowski was introduced to the Board and advised about the new Compliance Unit's follow-up. Dr. Czajkowski was advised the supervisor and employer reports need to be submitted to the Division by the first (1st) of the month it is due. Dr. Czajkowski stated she continues meeting with Dr. King and feels she is in compliance with the Board. Things seem to be going quite well. The Board briefly talked with Dr. Czajkowski noting there have been no changes in her clients. The Board reviewed the report from Dr. King noting the progress Dr. Czajkowski has made and recommending meetings be decreased and tapings be stopped. After further discussion Dr. Merryweather motioned to decrease the meetings to two (2) times a month and to stop the tapings, seconded by Dr. Haas. The motion carried unanimously. **In Compliance**

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Oborn reviewed the stipulation regarding Dr. Robins' license being suspended December 12, 2000, noting he could not request reinstatement of this license for three (3) years. The Board noted his license was issued February 10, 1997. Mr. Oborn advised the Board it needed to decide one of the following: approve with conditions, deny, approve.

Dr. Kenith Robins, Reinstatement of
Suspended License

Dr. Robins presented himself to the Board regarding reinstatement of his suspended license. The Board introduced itself to Dr. Robins. Mr. Oborn reviewed the letter from Dr. Hammond, Dr. Robins' application, and supporting documents with the Board. Dr. Robins reviewed his education and work history with the

Board, stating he would like to return to this profession. The Board noted Dr. Robins' therapy with Dr. Hammond has been completed. Dr. Robins reviewed his work history with the Board, noting that he surrendered his Illinois License. When the Illinois State Board took action against his license the Utah State Board reciprocated and took action against his Utah license. The Illinois State Board has now reinstated his license as an 'unencumbered' license. He moved to Tennessee in 2001 and wants to reinstate his Utah license. His Utah license needs to be reinstated without conditions before he will be able to obtain a license in Tennessee. Dr. Robins stated he is not sure he wants to move back to Utah, however, he is looking for options at this time.

Dr. Haas motioned to reinstate Dr. Robins' license without conditions. This motion was not seconded.

The Board had further discussion regarding the length of time Dr. Robins has been out of practice. Dr. Robins gave the Board copies of the continuing education he has completed, noting he has passed the current EPPP exam and has been keeping up with ethics in the profession including membership of the International Society of Professional Management. Dr. Robins asked the Board to review the letter from Dr. Hammond, who stated he feels Dr. Robins is not a threat to the public and recommended reinstatement of Dr. Robins Utah license. The Board expressed concerns regarding Dr. Robins' practicum, clinical setting, and practicing outside his area of knowledge. It was noted the statutes and laws have the built in guidelines, under the ethics code a professional needs to obtain the appropriate training first.

After further discussion, Dr. Haas motioned to reinstate Dr. Robins' license, seconded by Dr. Malovich.

After additional discussion, the motion was amended, by Dr. Haas, for Dr. Robins license be reinstated by May 15, 2008 pending review by the Division of a suitable letter attesting to his professionalism and willingness to approve his competence when necessary, seconded by Dr. Malovich. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Bjornson probation interview, continued

The Board met with Dr. Bjornson again. The Board advised Dr. Bjornson it is uncomfortable removing him from probation at this time and talked about the Division issuing a non-renewable unencumbered license. This will allow him to practice in another state. Mr. Oborn will consult with the Division attorney to see if this is possible.

After further discussion Dr. Merryweather motioned to adopt Dr. Moss' recommendation discontinuing therapy for Dr. Bjornson, seconded by Dr. Haas. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board noted the Employer evaluation has been received and Dr. Bjornson is in compliance.

DISCUSSION:

Proposed Rule Change, Mr. Oborn

Mr. Oborn advised the Board the rules are scheduled to become effective May 8, 2008 and asked the Board to review the draft given the Board and advise him of any concerns. If he does not hear from anyone by April 29, 2008, he will assume no one has a problem.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter regarding Legislative Issues

The Board reviewed the letter regarding legislative issues. The Board took no action.

Discussion:

The Board briefly discussed the Board rotation in July and will vote for the new Chairperson at that time.

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ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn at 1:28 p.m.

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

July 15, 2008
Date Approved

(ss) Natalie Malovich
Chairperson, Natalie Malovich

June 6, 2008
Date Approved

(ss) Richard Oborn
Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational &
Professional Licensing